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On Saturday, March 21, 2015 the Dodge County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a shooting on Hwy 60 between Hustisford and Hwy 26. The report indicated the alleged victim had stopped to assist 2 subjects that were parked on the side of Hwy 60. They allegedly demanded the victim's wallet and after he refused, they shot him with a .22 or .45 caliber pistol. It was reported that he then drove himself to the Hustisford Fire Department where he waited for assistance from EMS.

Due to releases to the media and social media outlets by outside sources we find it necessary to clarify that the facts that were originally reported have significant inconsistencies that are still under investigation. The subject was transported by flight for life where a "bb" type pellet was removed from just under his skin. A crime scene was also not able to be located after an extensive canvass of the area. There are other inconsistencies and circumstances in this report that are still under investigation.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office would like to assure the public that they are safe, but to also be aware of suspicious activity. Report any suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency or the Sheriff's Office.

Updated Information:

April 10, 2015

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has concluded its investigation into the incident listed above. The investigation revealed no corroborating evidence to the statements that were given by Jason Raasch, age 28 of Wisconsin Dells. Raasch is the individual that claimed he had been shot in the abdomen. We have also received reports of incidents from other law enforcement agencies in which Raasch had reported what appeared to be self-inflicted injuries while he told law enforcement that he had been the victim of violent crimes. These incidents were reported to us as also being uncorroborated.

As a result of the investigation, this case has been forwarded to the Dodge County District Attorney's Office requesting a charge of obstructing an officer. These charges are merely accusations and Raasch is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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